

## INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-country Training Program-Austria

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Austria to assist in selection and arrival time of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent FAO trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.
2. **FACTS:**
  - a. Summary of Program:
    - (1) Tour Length- 12-14 months.
    - (2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates- Report Jun to mid-Jul; depart approximately Aug of the following year.
    - (3) Program Description - One FAO per year is assigned for ICT to attend either the first, second or third year of the General Staff Course (Generalstabkurs), a three year program at the National Defense Academy (Landesverteidigungsakademie) in Vienna. The academic year begins mid-Sep and finishes end of Jul the following year. Most regional travel is conducted before the course begins and after graduation.
    - (4) Prerequisites - CPT/MAJ; branch immaterial; German language 2/2/2 minimum (tutoring in Austrian dialect may be necessary after arrival); Austria has

c. Household Goods: Shipment of household goods is authorized. Incoming FAOs should coordinate with resident FAOs for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage. A personal computer with modem is highly recommended.

d. Housing: Local economy. FAOs receive OHA. Expensive start-up costs (approximately \$10,000-12,000).

e. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical - Embassy clinic to treat minor ailments and make referrals. Serious cases are handled by local Austrian doctors or in U.S. military facilities in Germany. Landstuhl Army Hospital is the nearest U.S. medical facility (7 hour drive).

(2) Dependent Schooling - The American International School (K-12) is excellent.

(3) PX/Commissary - Embassy has a co-op with essentials. Vilseck 4 1/2 hours.

f. Language Instruction Availability: Embassy offers German instruction for FAO and spouse on an agency reimbursable basis. Many schools and tutors are available.

g. Rater/Senior Rater: Rater-A/ARMA  
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3.      **Additional Information:**    Bring materials from OAC/CAS3/CGSC

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